GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION TO NARMADA PROJECT AS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat had requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to recognise Narmada project i.e.Sardar Sarovar Project as Infrastructure Development Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Union Government are likely to give consent to the said recognition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Chief Minister of Gujarat has submitteda memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 13th June, 2002 todeclare the Sardar Sarovar Projectas a 'National Infrastructure Project' and accord approval tothe Sardar SarovarNirman Nigam Limited's (SSNNL) proposalto issue Tax Free Bonds and also make necessary changes inReserve Bankof India guidelines so that required funds are available for the project.

(c) Union Government has conveyed its approval for issue of tax free bonds to the extent of Rs. 500 crore by SSNNLduring the year 2002-2003 for exclusive use for Sardar Sarovar Project. The declaration of Sardar Sarovar Projectas "National Infrastructure Project" is dependent on the extant policies of Union Government.